PeopleSoft Budget Module at Brookhaven National Laboratory

FMSIC All-Contractors Meeting

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Agenda

- Background
- Budget Module Development and Description
- On-Line Demonstration
- Summary



Background

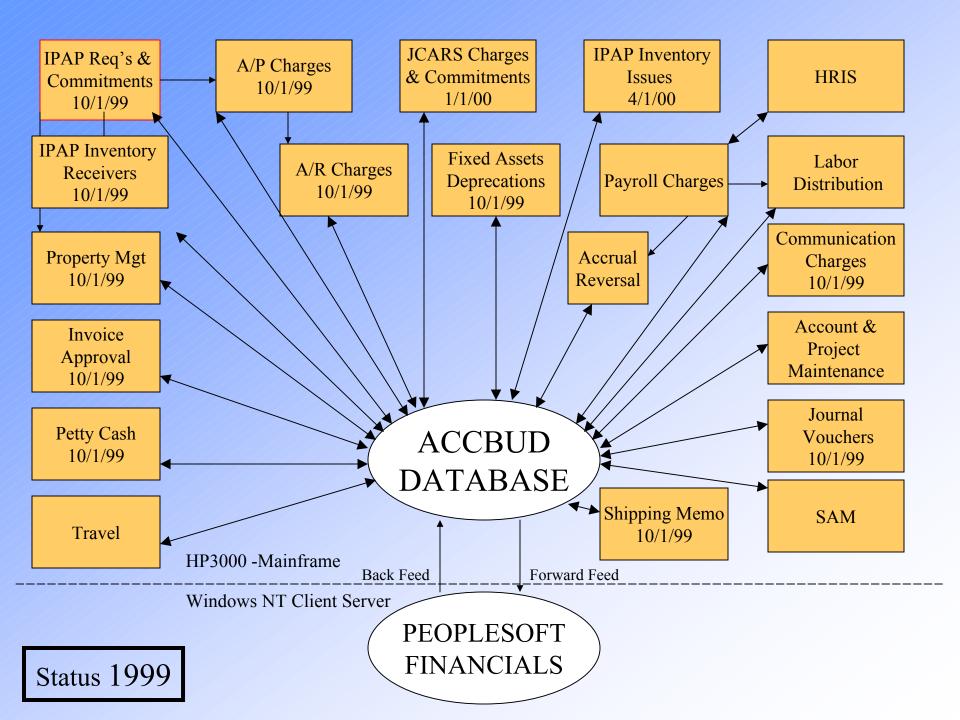
■ Pre-1995

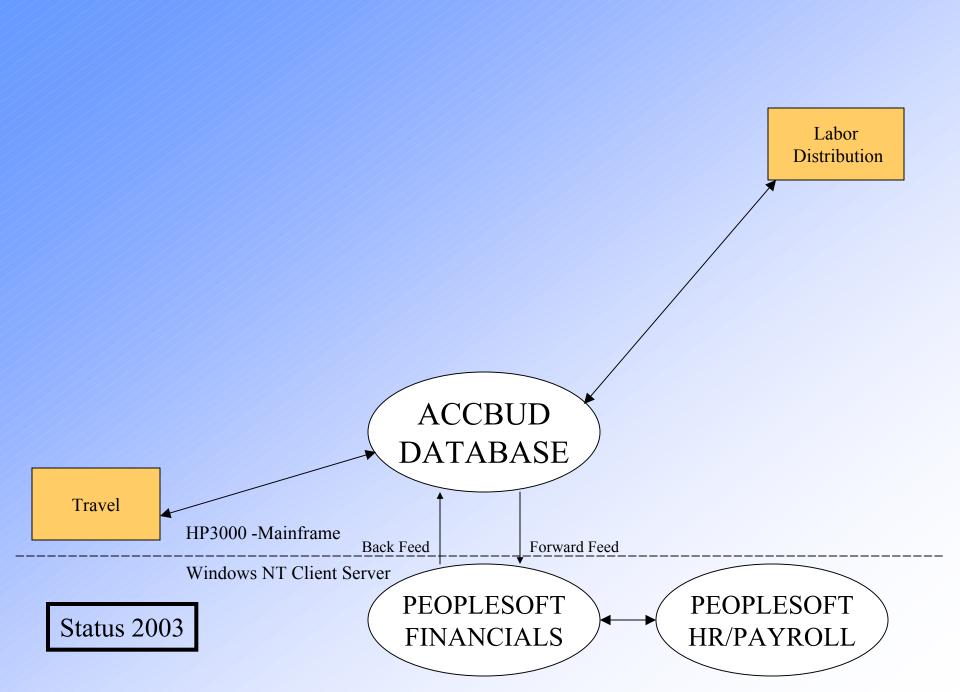
- Legacy budgeting time-consuming and inflexible
- Drove shadow systems in BNL user organizations
- Collection of home-grown, disparate systems
- Required re-entry of data into the Budget Office database
- Lab-Wide Decision to Install PeopleSoft in 1995
 - Lack of integration, rising costs and Y2K were principal drivers
 - Commercial version chosen for greatest flexibility → Significant challenge to fit to multi-purpose Government-funded Laboratory
 - Resource-constrained implementation → Lengthened process
 - First modules were financials followed by Procurement and HR

Peoplesoft Budget Module

- Out of box application addressed very few of our system requirements
- PeopleTools used to develop a customized budget module







Budget Module Development

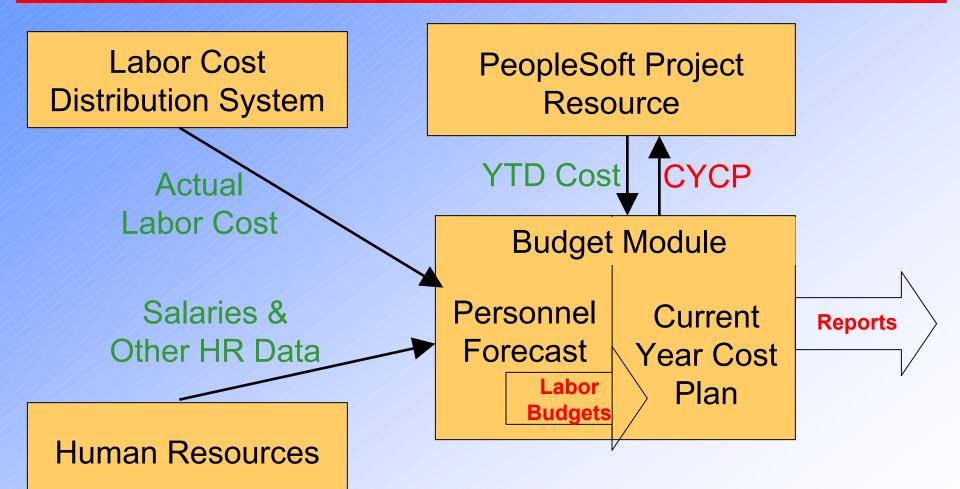
- Core objectives
 - Fully integrated with all other modules
 - Multiple use capabilities: Funds distribution, budget submittal, current year cost plan development and tracking, 3-year window
 - Lab-wide utilization
- Critical development features
 - Internal development team that took <u>ownership</u>
 - Training sessions for users (science and overhead) prior to implementation
 - User group formed after initial rollout (weekly meetings to improve functionality, reporting capabilities, and address issues of concern)
- User buy-in with full support of BNL senior management was key → Acceptance period was still ~ two years

Budget Module Capabilities

- Fully integrated database that incorporates automated feeds from all Lab cost centers (HR, procurement, payroll, internal services, etc.)
- Enables funds distribution from the Budget Office
- Supports development of current and future year cost plans and budget submittals
 - Project assignments made within personnel forecast linked to labor cost distribution
 - Option to automatically replace labor forecasts with actuals by accounting period
 - Cost plans built at the project/activity level
- Multiple years/scenarios enable rapid replication, planning and modeling



Current Year Cost Plan Development





On-Line System Demo: Current Year Budget Development (1)

- Funds Distribution
- Building the Cost Plan for the Current Year
- Building the Cost Plan for the Budget Submission



On-Line System Demo: Current Year Budget Development (2)

Major Steps

- Funds Distribution
 - Re-format contract mod save as text file
 - Error check and upload to Project Funds Transfer Panel
 - Allotments posted to B&R Codes for DOE programs in the Project Funds Transfer Panel
 - Scientific departments make individual project assignments
 - Release revised funding levels to Current Year Cost Plan



On-Line System Demo: Current Year Budget Development (3)

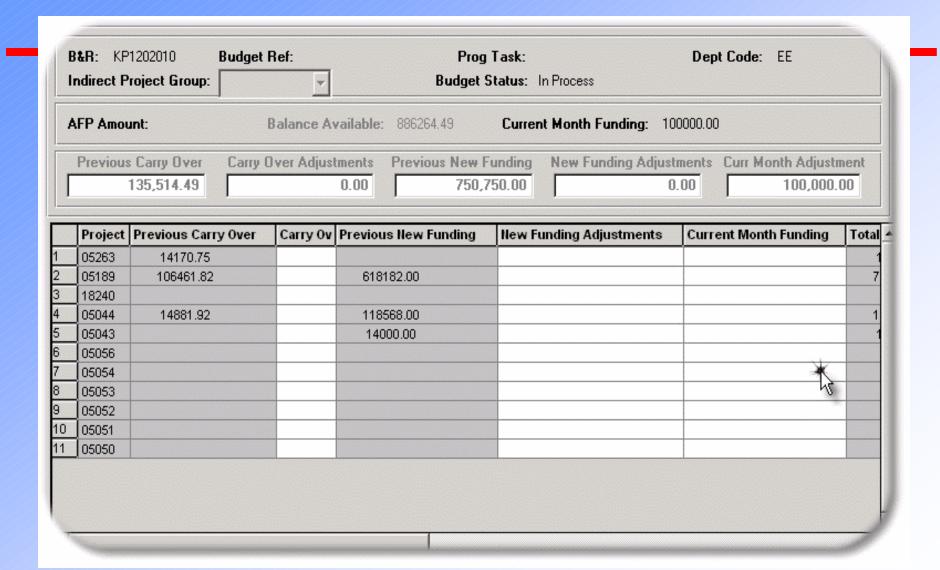
- Building the Cost Plan for the Current Year
 - Project assignments in Personnel Forecast by individual employee
 - Calculate and release to Current Year Cost Plan (CYCP)
 - Navigate to CYCP Forecast Costs Panel and accept labor assignment
 - Move to CYCP Panel and build remaining cost plan.
 - Reduce unassigned balance to zero Auto assign feature
 - Release Cost plan
 - Department approval
 - Budget Office Approval
 - Run update into Project Resource
 - Run Reports with updated budgets



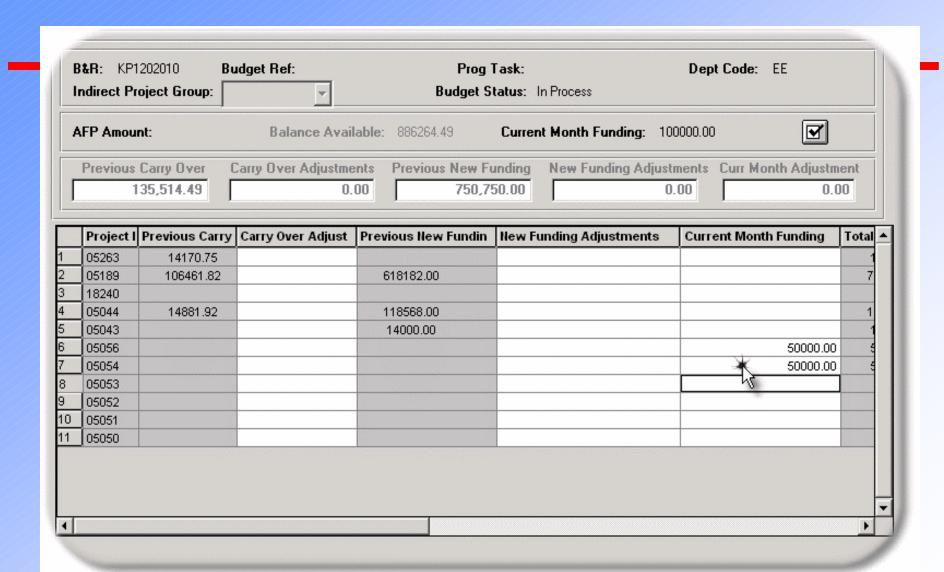
On-Line System Demo: Current Year Budget Development (4)

- Building the Cost Plan for the Budget Submission
 - Use Global Adjustment panel to set escalation rates
 - Do global copy of Current Year to First Year of the Budget Submission
 - Copy project assignments from First Year to future years making revisions where required
 - Recalculate and release to Budget Submission panel
 - Post new funding amount for the Presidential Year
 - Copy First Year cost plan to future years making adjustments where required
 - Department Release of cost plan







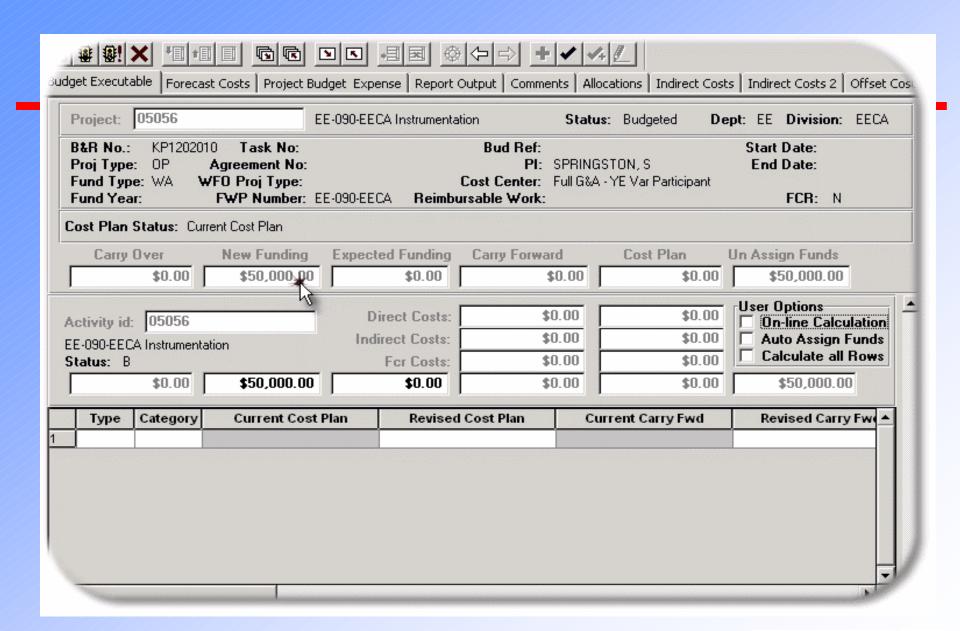




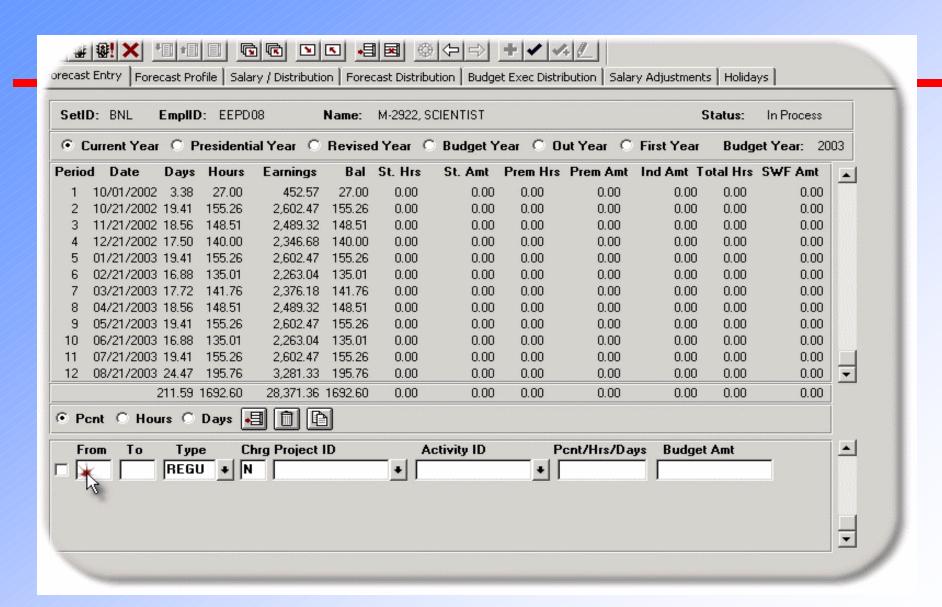
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AFP Amount:	Balance Available	: 986264.49		
Previous Carry Over 135,514.49	Carry Over Adjustments 0.00	Previous New Funding 850,750.00	New Funding Adjustments 0.00	

	Project I	Previous Carry	Carry Over Adjust	Previous New Fundin	New Fundin	Total Funding Balance	Un Assigned Funds	
1	05263	14170.75				14170.75	0.00	
2	05189	106461.82		618182.00		724643.82	0.00	
3	18240					0.00	0.00	
4	05044	14881.92		118568.00		133449.92	-13810.24	
5	05043			14000.00		14000.00	0.00	
6	05056			50000.00		50000.00	50000.00	
7	05054			50000.00		50000.00	50000.00	
8	05053			1/2		0.00	0.00	
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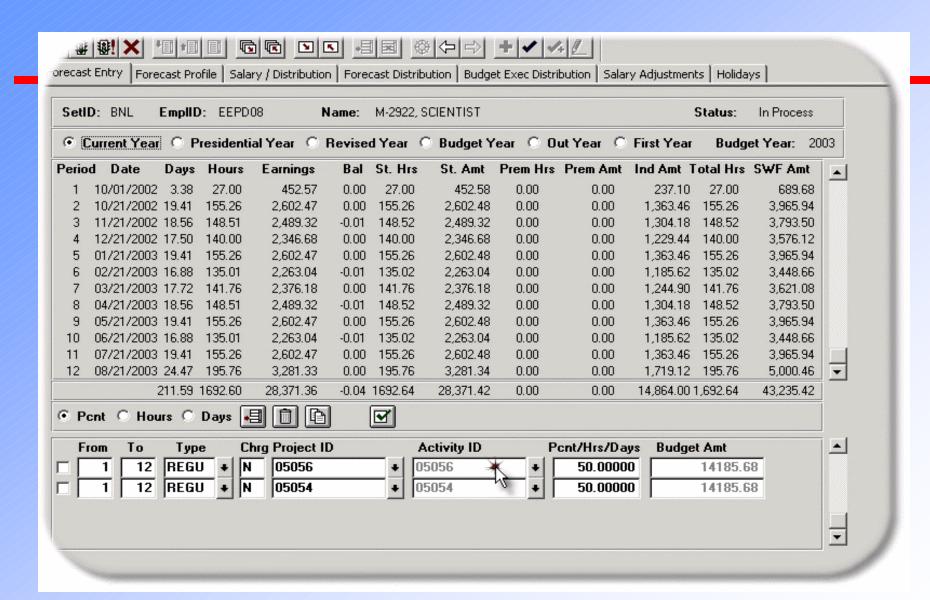




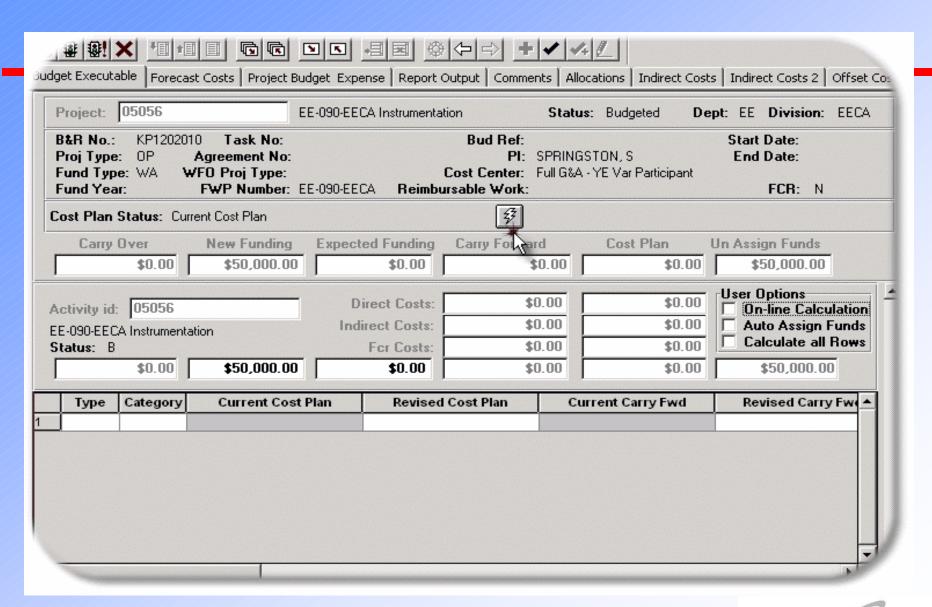




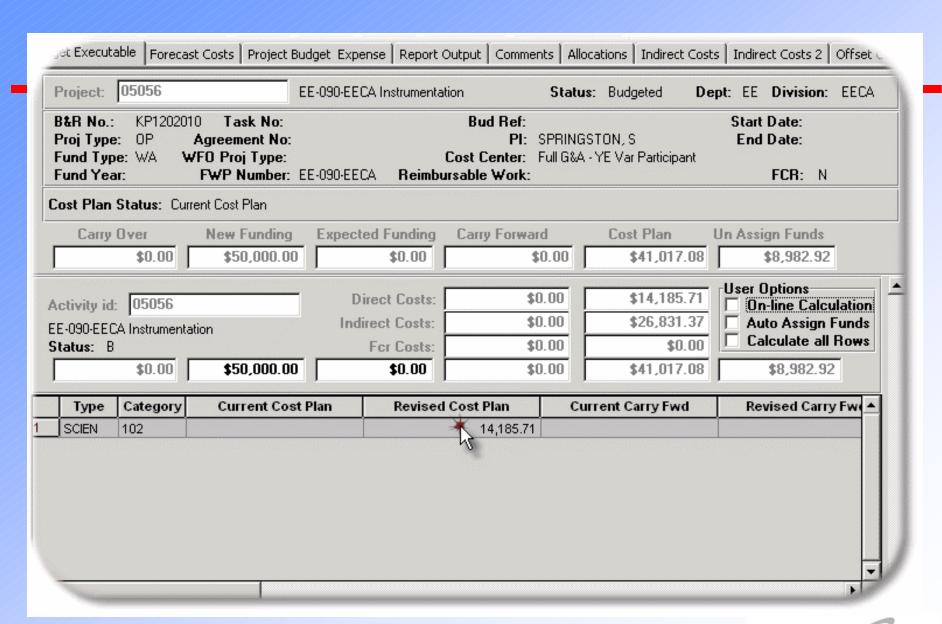




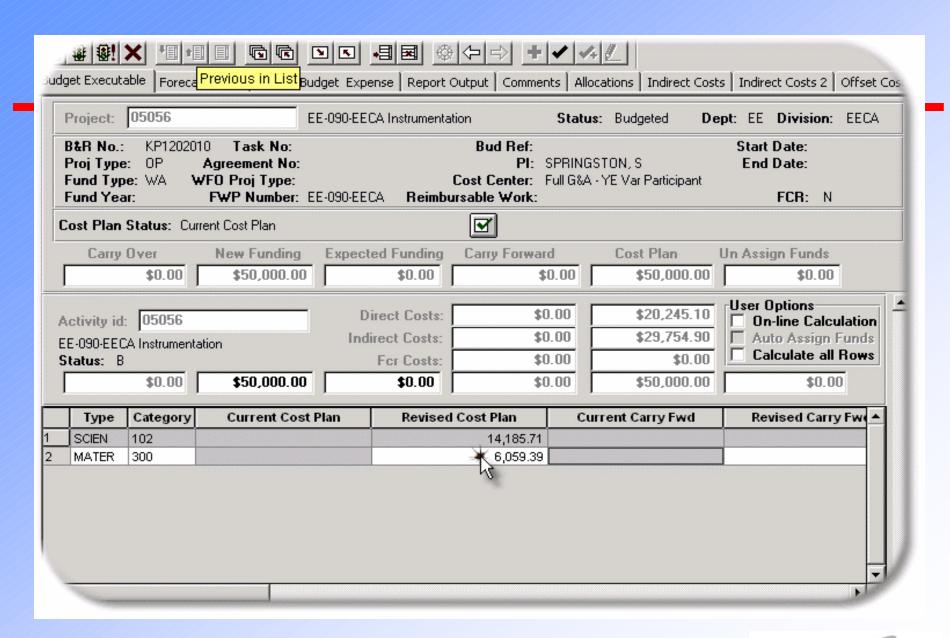




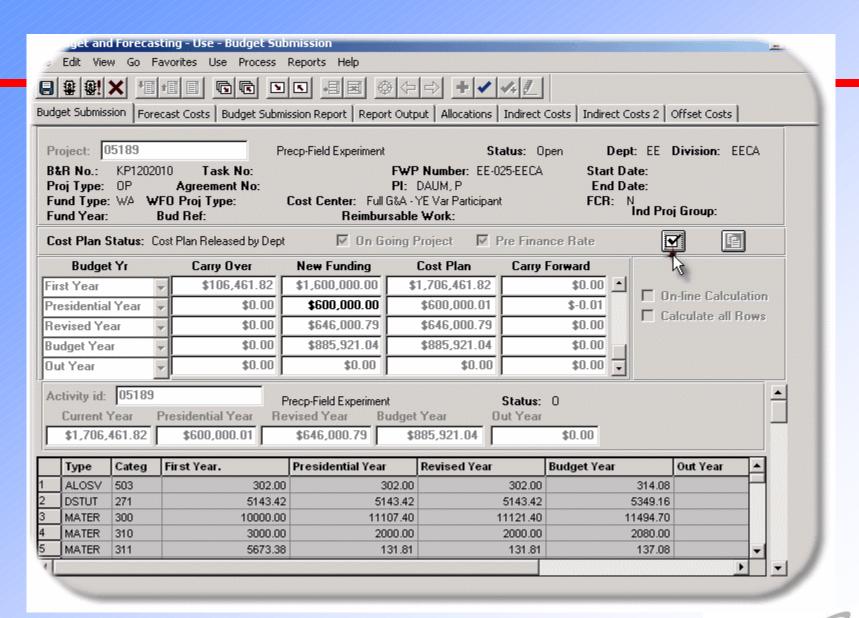




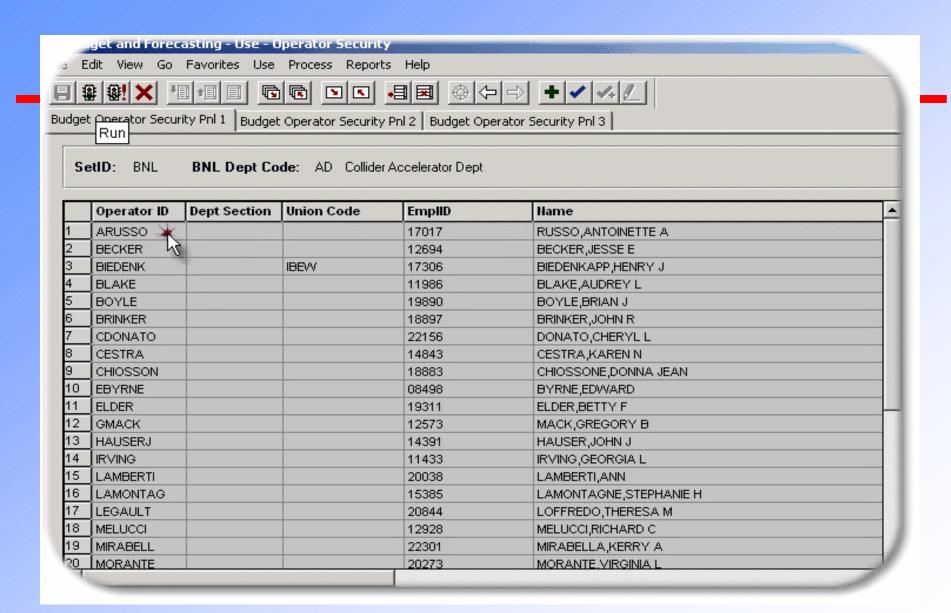




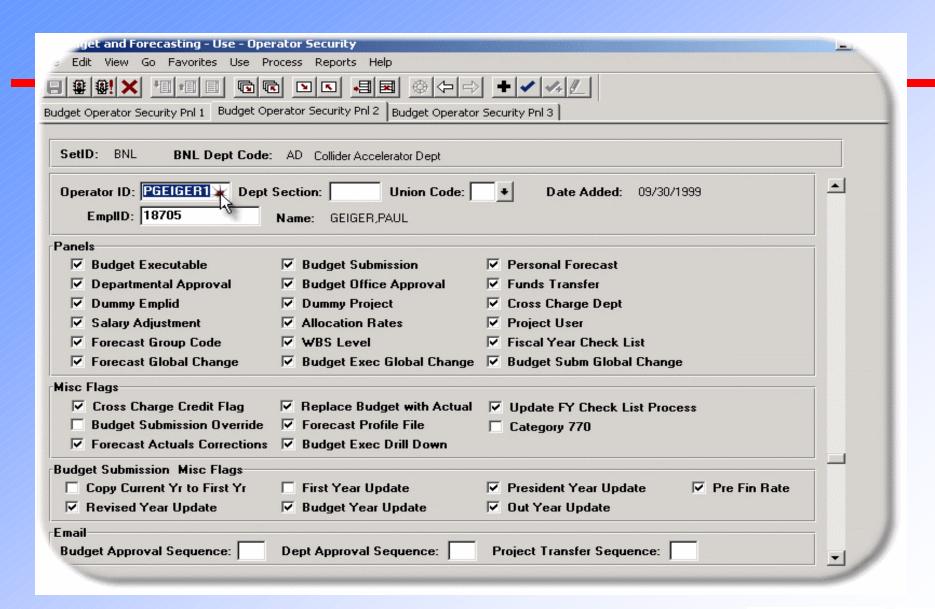














On-Going Challenges

- Training
- Growing list of user-driven improvements
 - Good news they're using the system
 - Bad news workload issue
- Problematic characteristics
 - Does not allow for deletion of projects which tend to clutter the system
 - Cost must be allowed to hit a project whether it is open or closed until all legacy systems are converted
 - All tables and views must be fully populated to get consistent data from query searches



Summary

Lab-wide success

- In use across the Laboratory as the financial "bible"
- User expertise and sophistication growing steadily
- Shadow systems eliminated
- Month- and Year-end closing process significantly shorter and less laborious

Process Support

- Proposal budget preparation with all current and future overheads and allocations
- Security panel allows for specific access assignments by user
- Data query downloads to Excel spreadsheets

Management Support

- Supports complete G&A (and all other cost pool) analysis cost vs. revenue
- Review of organizational burdens at the department level
- Budget Module fully upgradeable (PeopleTools language)
- Additional information including screen shots available upon request

